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In re Patent Application of

AOKI, Hitoshi

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Title:

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND FABRICATION PROCESS

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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 25, 2003 (for which petition is hereby made for a one month extension of time), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 19 and 21, without prejudice in view of the Election of Species Requirement.

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

1. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:

a semiconductor substrate of a first conductivity type;

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